

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 15-27 were pending when the Office Action was mailed. Applicants herein amend claim 1, 7, 13, 23, 24, and 26, and do not cancel any claims or present any new claims. Accordingly, claims 1-13 and 15-27 remain pending.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 19-22 are allowable and that claims 26 and 27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants herein amend claim 26 to include all limitations of its base claim and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objections to claim 26 and its dependent claim 27.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-13, 15-18, and 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Jones, Turner, and Alverson. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. Nevertheless, applicants herein amend each of the rejected independent claims to include language similar to the language relied-upon by the Examiner in allowing claim 19. Accordingly, claims 1, 7, 13, 23, and 24 are patentable for the same reasons as claims 19, as are their dependent claims 2-6, 8-12, 15-22, and 25. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw these rejections.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and a prompt Notice of Allowance.

Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 324758001US2 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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